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IMPORTANT ADVISORY

Attention: Person in charge of environmental activities.

Recent problems created by pentachlorophenols and their related contaminants, the dioxins, have indicated the need to consider possible environmental contamination from all products and materials which may include these chemicals. Certain algicides or biocides used in cooling water treatments contain sodium pentachlorophenol, sodium pentachlorophenate or other chlorophenolic compounds which are of concern and which have the potential to contain a highly toxic dioxin contaminant.

If you now use or plan to use such products we request that you voluntarily discontinue use until appropriate evaluations of dioxin presence and potential hazards are completed. We would appreciate submission of written advisory of types and quantities of these materials in use. This advisory should be submitted to John Hesse, Chief, Office of Toxic Materials Control, Environmental Services Division. Further guidelines will be forthcoming after completion of these assessments.

Very truly yours,

WATER QUALITY DIVISION


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